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RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF DEFECTIVE RESPONSE

In response to the Notification of Defective Response, mailed August 3, 2006 (a copy of which is attached hereto), Applicants note that this application does not disclose any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequences such that 37 CFR 1.821-1.825 does not apply. Submission of a Sequence Listing is not appropriate. Any fee deficiencies may be charged to Merck Deposit Account number 13-2755.

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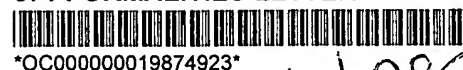
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NOTIFICATION OF DEFECTIVE RESPONSE

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- Priority Document
- Copy of the International Application filed on 12/07/2004
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 12/07/2004
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 12/07/2004
- Oath or Declaration filed on 06/15/2006
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 12/07/2004
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Applicant's response filed 06/15/2006 is hereby acknowledged. The following requirements set forth in the NOTIFICATION of MISSING REQUIREMENTS mailed 02/15/2006 have not been completed.

- This application clearly fails to comply with the requirements of 37 CFR. 1.821-1.825. Applicant's attention is directed to the final rulemaking notice published at 55 FR 18230 (May 1, 1990), and 1114 OG 29 (May 15, 1990). If the effective filing date is on or after July 1, 1998, see the final rulemaking notice published at 63 FR 29620 (June 1, 1998) and 1211 OG 82 (June 23, 1998). If the effective filing date is on or after September 8, 2000, see the final rulemaking notice published in the Federal Register at 65 FR 54604 (September 8, 2000) and 1238 OG 145 (September 19, 2000). Applicant must provide an initial computer readable form (CRF) copy of the "Sequence Listing", an initial paper or compact disc copy of the "Sequence Listing", **as well as an amendment specifically directing its entry into the application.** Applicant must also provide a statement that the content of the sequence listing information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written (on paper or compact disc) sequence listing and, where applicable, includes no new matter, as required by 37 CFR 1.821(e), 1.821(f), 1.821(g), 1.825(b), or 1.825(d). If applicant desires the sequence listing in the instant application to be identical with that of another application on file in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, such request in accordance with 37 CFR 1.821(e) may be submitted in lieu of a new CRF.
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